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1. The Teudloff-Vanag Vereinigte Armaturen- und Maschinenfabriken A.G. has plants in Vienna-Aitzgersdorf, Speisingerstrasse 462, and in Vienna XI, Dresdnerstrasse 49. It is the only Austrian plant producing sluice valves of cast iron and cast steel for all types of liquid petroleum products, as well as surface and underground hydrants (Vorder- und Unterturbinanten). The firm also produces valves and cocks in competition with the factories of Richard Klinger and Huebner & Mayer. Machinery produced by Teudloff-Vanag A.G. is of great importance to the Austrian oil industry.

In 1947, the turn-over amounted to 5.6 million schillings with an output of 1,450 tons. The total export production amounted to 1,787,753 and weighed 328,354 kg.; broken down by countries, it was distributed as follows:

Russia	716,753 schillings	100,157 kg
Czechoslovakia	531,555	88,164
Sweden	361,792	80,801
Switzerland	5,387	2,879
Poland	58,366	12,825
Palestine	15,293	5,000
Turkey	98,605	35,528

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3. Since 1 January 1947, the plant has been under Russian administration. The central offices, located at Vienna I, Gueymannsgasse 2 (Austrian and foreign sales, buying, construction), cooperate with the factories in the Russian Zone. Sales within Austria in 1947, in accordance with Austrian economic directives, were scheduled to cover only fifty percent of the output. Ten percent of production was delivered to the Buying and Selling Office of the Machine Construction Division of USIA. Forty percent was scheduled for export in compensation for import goods designated by the Buying and Selling Office. Import goods were then distributed among other USIA plants by the Buying and Selling Office. All business with foreign countries was arranged through the Austrian Trade Bureau. As the Buying and Selling Office is primarily interested in tools, pipes, and machinery, no business negotiations were entered into with countries offering foodstuffs in compensation, which, in turn, could be claimed by the Austrian Government.

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4. In 1948, the following plan is to be carried out: 50% of production will be sold to Austrian consumers, 10% will go to the Buying and Selling Office of the Machine Construction Division of USIA, 20% will be offered to Soviet commercial interests, and the remaining 20% will be exported as directed by the Buying and Selling office.
5. All financial returns from the sale of goods by plants in the Russian Zone are to be handled by a general manager appointed by the Russian occupation forces. For 1947, an administration fee (Verwaltungsgebühr) of 448,000 schillings has been paid.
6. Despite the administration fee, which amounts to nearly 8% of turn-over, reconstruction and repairs for factory damages have hitherto been financed by the plant. However, it became necessary to float a short-term loan of 250,000 schillings about the middle of December 1947.
7. The Russian administrator appointed by Gen. Kuratov is Alexander Grebenishenko.

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